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For: NON-AQUEOUS ELECTROLYTE SECONDARY BATTERY NEGATIVE ELECTRODE MATERIAL, MAKING METHOD, AND LITHIUM ION SECONDARY BATTERY

## REPLY TO RESTRICTION AND ELECTION REQUIREMENTS

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Sir:

In reply to the Restriction Requirement dated January 9, 2007, the following remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

This reply includes: Claims and Remarks